

### **Remarks**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 and 20 were rejected. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

#### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101**

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 "because the claimed invention is not supported by either a specific asserted utility or a well established utility." Applicants disagree with the Examiner's rejections.

With regard to claim 1, the Examiner has trouble understanding the phrase "coordinating rapidly changing torque demand in an automotive vehicle." The preamble of claim 1, the only place where this phrase appears, has been amended to eliminate this phrase. The preamble now reads that claim 1 is a method for "use in an automotive vehicle." This change in no way narrows the scope of claim 1 nor does it necessitate the need for a new search by the Examiner.

Applicants believe claim 1 meets all substantive requirements for patentability. Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1 and are therefore also patentable.

With regard to claim 20, the Examiner was "not clear as to what takes place subsequent and how the receiving and determining steps are used to achieve the intended purpose of controlling a motor vehicle." An element for providing the first propelling source torque request and the second propelling torque source request to the plurality of torque producing sources has been added. This indicates that the determined torque requests are used to control the motor vehicle.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

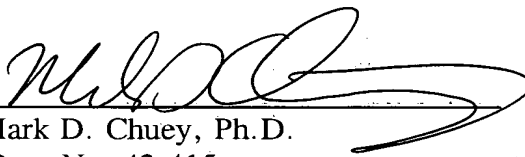
The Examiner allowed claims 11-19.

**Conclusion**

Applicants have made a genuine effort to respond to the Examiner's objections and rejections in advancing the prosecution of this case. Applicants believe all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. No fee is believed due by filing this paper. However, any fee due may be withdrawn from Deposit Account No. 061510 as specified in the Application Transmittal. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any aspect of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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